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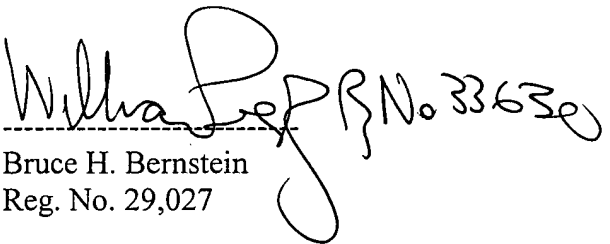
On May 5, 2004, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement, in the above-captioned matter. Applicants note that the initialed PTO-1449 form have never been returned. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner forward an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 5, 2004, a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed therewith, and a copy of the respective date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Applicants have contacted the examiner by phone requesting a copy of the initialed Form PTO 1449. Examiner has indicated that it will be mailed to the applicant, but it has not yet been received. Thus applicants are filing this paper requesting that the above requested initialed Form PTO 1449 be sent in due course.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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